(c) The matter was enquired into and the needful done to prevent such mischief.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was done?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The parties were warned by the Police, and a beat constable was asked to take the signature of one of the Pulayas.

Improving the road from the Edakkunni road to Pullani thodu.

41. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Gorvenment be pleased to state whether they have taken any, and if so, what steps to open and improve the road from the Edakkunni road at Thiruvallakavu to Pullani thodu ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Necessary provision for the work has been made in the budget for 1106. It will be taken up next year. Meanwhile steps are being taken by the Revenue Department for acquiring the lands required for the road.

Diwanship of the State.

42. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any truth in the newspaper report that one Mr. Herbert, I. C. S., accepted appointment as Diwan of Cochin and then declined it subsequently; and if so, what are the reasons for his declining the place ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government regret that they are unable to disclose whatever information they have on the subject.

43. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any truth in the news-paper report that one Mr. Bolton, I. C. S., has been approached with the offer of the place of the Diwanship of Cochin and if so, whether he has accepted the offer or not ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The same answer as the one furnished to question No. 42.

Members of the Legislative Council as applicants for Government posts.

44. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Members of the Legislative Council who applied for Government service this year and the last year and the dates of such applications and the posts ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No name other than the one referred to in question No. 129 of the budget session of 1104 is on record. The post applied for by the person referred to therein was that of a Munsiff or a Magistrate.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was no place given to him ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Attendance of out-patients in the Kunnamkulam Hospital.

45. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—(a) What is the average number of out-patients daily attending Kunnamkulam Hospital in the last three months ;

(b) how many compounders there are in the above hospital ;

(c) whether the Government have considered the question of increasing the number of compounders in the above hospital; and if not,

(d) why is it that the above matter has not yet been considered by the Government, in view of the increasing number of out-patients now attending the above hospital ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Meenam 181·83
Medam 167·68
Edavam 174·09

(b) One.

(c) It is only since the last few months after Assistant Surgeon Kamath took charge of the hospital, that there is a large increase.

(d) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

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